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Seventy Years of History.---1833-1903

The First Baptist Church of Chicago.

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Chapter VIII. Dr. Henson's Pastorate---1882-1902. Continued.

During the third year of Dr. Henson's pastorate many were baptised as in the previous years. It closed happily, the mortgage debt having been cancelled and all current expenses paid to January 1, 1885. It was at this time specially an occasion for rejoicing and thanksgiving, that after years of struggle arising from losses by fire and debts in re-building the church was now free from extra financial burdens, and ready for future aggressive work. The close of the first three years showed that 466 new members had been received, 182 of the number by baptism.

In 1886 the church purchased the lot, 50 feet by 165, adjoining the church building on the south, upon which it might be expected it would erect a building in which provision could be made for a church library and reading room, industrial school, young people's social hall, and to supply such other needs as a great church in a great city, will constantly feel ought to be met.

During the summer of 1886, the main audience room was closed for eight weeks on account of repairs and decorations. The church was dedicated in April, 1876. General repairs after ten years were necessary, and were thoroughly accomplished at an expense of \$9,000. This included frescoing, new carpets, new boilers for steam heating, repairs on roof, etc., etc. The Sunday School and lecture rooms were re-decorated in a modest and tasteful manner. The re-opening occurred on Sunday, September 26, with sermons by Dr. Henson, to large audiences. Subscriptions during the day were taken, largely to cover the outlay.

During the closing of the main auditorium, services were held in the lecture room. Prominent among the pulpit supplies were Dr. C. H. Spalding of Boston and Dr. W. H. P. Faunce of Springfield, Mass.

Dr. Henson during his vacation of eight weeks, preached in his old church in Philadelphia—the Memorial, to crowded audiences. Dr. J. M. Pendleton in writing to his friend, Deacon William Garnett, said in reference to Dr. Henson's visit to Philadelphia: "I had a very pleasant interview with your pastor, Dr. Henson. He has preached for four Sundays to his former church, the Memorial, and his congregations have been immense. The large building has been crowded and it is said that a thousand persons have been turned away at some of the services, for want of room. The wonderful reception given to Dr. Henson is no doubt suitably appreciated by him, and is highly gratifying to his friends."

The sixth year, 1887, was marked by the opening of the large Sunday School and church library, containing 2,000 volumes. This was wonderfully in contrast to the little library of early days, for it may be remembered that on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the Sunday School in 1874, Dr. Boone related that in 1836 when Uncle Joe Meeker was librarian—Uncle Joe used to carry the library to and from the meeting house on South Water street in an old fashioned bandanna.

At the beginning of the year 1887 there were some weeks of special religious interest in connection with extra meetings. During January and February a large

number of new members were added to the church, fifty-three of them by baptism. At one communion service forty-four received the hand of fellowship and on the following month forty-eight were around the communion table. On these occasions the pastor, Dr. Henson, was very earnest and tender in his addresses to the new converts.

In March, 1887, Dr. Henson welcomed Mr. D. L. Moody to the pulpit, who preached morning and afternoon and held services on three evenings during the week. At the Sunday morning service the audience filled the house and crowded the extra chairs around the pulpit. The evangelist preached in his usual earnest style from the text—"Except a man be born again," etc.

During the sermon he related his first day's experience when he came to Chicago, at the age of nineteen. It was Friday and he attended the evening prayer meeting at the First Baptist church, then located on Washington street, corner of LaSalle street. He there spoke of his recent conversion in the east and at the close well remembered the warm greeting of Mrs. Phillips, of sainted memory, Mr. Cyrus Bentley and others.

In later years he married his wife, Miss Revell, from this church and so had occasion for many pleasant remembrances in coming to the old First church. At the after-meeting in the lecture room, some twenty-five persons professed conversion.

The Raymond Mission was established in 1886 on Poplar avenue near Thirty-first street. Through the generosity of Mr. S. B. Lingle, one of the esteemed members of the First church, a building was provided for it and marked success has been the result.

In the May 1904 issue of Church Life an excellent account is given of Raymond Mission, written by Mr. Charles H. Coyle. It was named in honor of the venerable Rev. Lewis Raymond. Mr. Raymond during the last years of his long life, was a valued member of the First church. He came West in 1844, and served as pastor in Milwaukee, Chicago, and many other places. He spent some years as an evangelist. During his whole ministry he was much blest and was the means of the conversion of large numbers. At the outbreak of the war he became a chaplain in the national service, continuing as such to the close of the war. Since the war he resided in Chicago and gave much time to evangelis-

tic service, including valued assistance to the pastor of the First church. He was a great-hearted and large-souled man, he loved his work as a minister of the gospel and loved the souls of men. In the First church he was greatly beloved, his example his presence, his words an inspiration to pastor and people. After a life of eminent usefulness Elder Raymond died in Chicago, December 10, 1887, in the eightieth year of his age. His son, Mr. W. R. Raymond is a deacon of the church, and his son-in-law, Mr. C. A. Havens, the able organist and director of music.

The year 1887 had been one of great prosperity. A larger number had been baptized than during any previous year since the settlement of Dr. Henson. The Sunday School, including the Home School, the Dearborn Mission and Raymond Mission, had nearly 1,500 on their rolls.

The year 1888, was noticeable by the purchase of a lot for the Dearborn Mission on Wabash avenue, corner Thirty-Eighth street, the First church, having subscribed \$7,000 for this purpose and \$1,000 towards a new house, as the result of a very effective sermon on church extension by the pastor. The Young People's society of Christian Endeavor was organized in September, 1888, with thirty-eight members. Mr. Leander Stone, one of the esteemed members, and the efficient clerk of the church for many years, died this year.

A Remarkable Meeting.

A meeting of extraordinary interest occurred in 1888. It was on the occasion of the October meeting of the Chicago Baptist Social Union at the Grand Pacific Hotel on Tuesday evening of the ninth of that month. The special feature of this meeting was the presence of the pioneer Baptists of Chicago, who yet survived of those who came to Chicago between the years 1833 and 1853. There were accordingly sixty-one invited to be the guests of the social union on that evening. All of them, if we mistake not, were members, or had been members of the First church, so that it seems appropriate to give space in connection with the "Seventy Years' History" in referring to so interesting a gathering.

The ladies ordinary of the Grand Pacific Hotel was filled with members of the social union and their guests, two hundred and thirty-four being seated at the banquet tables. The following is a list of the invited guests, giving their names and the dates of their coming to Chicago, a

large majority of whom were present.

Invited Guests.

1833—Mrs. Thomas Hoyne, Mrs. Sarah L. (Warren) Carpenter, Mrs. Lizzie N. Aiken.

1834—Mrs. P. F. W. Peck, Rev. J. E. Ambrose.

1835—J. Spencer Turner.

1836—Mrs. Dr. Levi D. Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Israel G. Smith, James M. Hannahs.

1837—Mrs. Charles N. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Van Osdel, Mr. Samuel Wayman, Mrs. Grace Flint.

1839—Mrs. Anna M. Caswell.

1840—Mrs. Mary Ann Dimick.

1843—Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Boggs, Mrs. Mary S. Smith, Mrs. Henry Fuller, Mrs. H. G. Sutherland, Mrs. Susan Short Noble, Mrs. A. B. (Pillsbury) McCarty.

1844—John K. Pollard, Mr. I. N. Herriek, Mrs. Alvin Salisbury, Mrs. Eliza S. Raymond.

1845—Mrs. L. B. Griggs.

1846—Dr. F. B. Ives, Mrs. I. N. Herriek.

1847—Rev. and Mrs. Luther Stone.

1848—Mrs. Dr. Elisha Tucker, Mr. S. C. Griggs.

1849—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Graves, Mrs. Lewis Raymond.

1850—Mrs. Emma Revell, Jonathan Clark, Mrs. (Captain) Sarah Johnson, Mrs. W. J. (C. B. Goodyear) Hill.

1851—Mr. S. P. Shaw, Mrs. John S. Buchanan, Joseph Shaw, General Mason Brayman.

1852—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Burroughs, Mrs. L. A. Willard, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Burtis.

1853—Rev. Dr. Justin A. Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Leroy Church, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boyington, Mrs. Ellen Vail, Mrs. Eliza W. Brayman, Mrs. J. M. Harvey, Mrs. Cyrus Bentley.

It was an occasion of especial pleasure to meet among these guests of the Social Union, some, even, who were among the first Baptists of Chicago—Mrs. Thomas Hoyne, the daughter of Dr. Temple, who entertained Rev. Allen B. Freeman, the pioneer minister on his arrival in Chicago in 1833; Mrs. Carpenter, who knew Mr. Freeman, and was one of those who attended him in his last sickness; Rev. J. E. Ambrose, the associate of Mr. Freeman in his pioneer work on this field; Mr. Samuel Wayman, who was personally acquainted with Mr. Freeman, and did the glazing on the first meeting house erected on the corner of Franklin and South Water streets;

Mrs. Dr. Elisha Tucker, then at the great age of ninety-three, was also present.

The president of the Social Union in connection with a cordial welcome to the esteemed guests, gave a short history of Baptist matters in Chicago for the twenty years, between 1833 and 1853. He referred not only to those present, but to the active workers of that period who had "finished their course." Mention was made of the fifteen constituent members of the First church, also Dr. John T. Temple and Mrs. Temple, Rev. I. T. Hinton, Mrs. Hinton, Rev. E. H. Hamlin, Rev. Dr. Elisha Tucker, Rev. W. H. Rice, Samuel Lathrop, Mr. and Mrs. Eri B. Hulbert, Benjamin H. Cliff, Dr. Levi D. Boone, Judge Jesse B. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Woodworth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker, Mrs. Harriet A. Murphy, Captain John M. Turner and Mrs. Turner, Benjamin F. Hays, Mrs. Wythe, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Edwards, Mrs. Martha M. Porter, Mrs. C. C. Long, John S. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hoard, Mrs. A. B. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Tittsworth, Mrs. John K. Pollard, Captain and Mrs. Connett, Mrs. James M. Hannahs, Benjamin Pillsbury, Mrs. Mason Brayman, Mrs. Lydia Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Wilson, Mrs. Alvin Salisbury, C. B. Goodyear, Rev. Lewis Raymond, Charles N. Holden, Captain Johnson, L. A. Willard, and, since the last meeting of the Social Union one who was a most valuable and useful man in Chicago and who was clerk of the First church for twenty-two years, Mr. Cyrus Bentley.

The president further remarked:

"Our honored guests on this occasion who settled in Chicago between 1833 and 1853, and their contemporaries of that period who have passed away, formed a most interesting and important element in laying foundations, which at this day show results for which we may be devoutly thankful. During these twenty years they not only laid the foundations of Baptist work in Chicago, but were leaders in society, in business and in professional life, and gave to Baptist organizations a character which made it inferior to that of no other denomination. Chicago Baptists were representative men in our denominational gatherings, when as yet the only communication between East and West was by stage, steamboat and canal. In connection with this twenty years' history, there was an amount of self-sacrifice and consecration to Christ and his

cause, which furnishes a good example to those of us who are in the battle today."

"Our esteemed guests, 1833-1853, on behalf of the Chicago Baptist Social Union, I extend to you a cordial welcome and fraternal greetings. We feel honored by your presence and desire for you all every blessing."

Rev. J. C. Burroughs, D. D., who commenced his pastorate of the First church in 1852 and was intimately acquainted with most of the pioneers, was presented. He responded to the toast "Our Guests: The Early Baptists of Chicago, 1833-1853."

After prefatory and some humorous remarks Dr. Burroughs said in part:

"As I think of the conditions under which the Baptist standard was first raised in Chicago I cannot help believing that the men and women who raised it had in them the genuine spirit of the men and women of their faith in all times, the genuine ring of Roger Williams' conviction and Roger Williams' courage to stand by their convictions. Time forbids details, but when I think of Dr. John T. Temple when he had yet only planned to make his home here, stopping by the way to knock at the door of the infant American Baptist Home Mission Society (organized in 1832) and say, 'I am going to Chicago. I want a Baptist minister sent there to preach the gospel and I will build a house for him to preach in;' and when I think of Allen B. Freeman turning away from the comforts of an Eastern pastorate and an Eastern home, to become the standard-bearer of the Master in such a place as Chicago then was, and then of that little company of men and women presuming, we might say, to assume the responsibility of a distinct church existence here; and when I think of the struggles of that church through all its earlier years, I feel that these were Baptists of the old-time sort. That church was always in tightest grip of poverty, holding its evening services by the light of tallow candles, continually threatened and often well-nigh overwhelmed by the vicissitudes, some incident to a new community and others precipitated by political and social upheavals which, in those years, were convulsing the whole country; but it clung unflinchingly to its standard, and every year of its life scored progress, baptizing its converts in numbers in the waters of the lake, while savages looked on in wonder, and following the little company back to their place of worship gazed in at the windows as

if spellbound by the music of Christian song, and the sight of Christian ordinances. It erected its house of worship, after the first small room of which you, Mr. President, have spoken became too strait, by sacrifices that were heroic, one member, Dea- Samuel Hoard, mortgaging every foot of his property to secure its completion. And when that house was in ashes in 1852 they rebuilt at the cost of struggles little less trying. When I think of this chapter of early Baptist history, I say, I find myself saying: 'That is the true spirit of the faith, the genuine stuff out of which Baptists, real Baptists, have always been made.' I seem to hear these people saying, 'We do this not because it is the easiest, most comfortable thing to do. We could have foregone our individuality and slipped quietly into other churches, where our burdens and responsibilities would have been as nothing, but we are Baptists, we have principles and convictions of our own; we did not come here to hide, we belong to a people who have a history pervading all the centuries of which history takes account, a unique, distinctive history. Ours is as no hybrid church borrowing ordinances and ecclesiastical constitution from the church of a dark and degenerate age. Our church stands out from the canvas of time as the one consistent and unimpeachable witness to fundamental and vital truth. Our fathers were 'Pilgrim Fathers,' pilgrims from the political and ecclesiastical despotism of Old England, pilgrims from the political and ecclesiastical despotism of Puritan Boston, in whose streets they were whipped till the blood run down their legs because they were Baptists, and then went out into the wilderness and into the wigwams of the savages to preach the gospel of peace and plant seed, the fruit of which should be liberty and salvation. Descendants of such a parentage, heirs of such a heritage, we cannot hide ourselves under any other colors. We must be what we are. And so we plant down our standard in this virgin soil, and God helping us will stand by it to the end.'"

At the close of Dr. Burroughs' address the president said: "The flowers which so generously adorn the two tables where our special pioneer guests are seated are the gift of Mr. John B. Drake, senior proprietor of the Grand Pacific Hotel. He places them here in loving remembrance of his deceased aged mother and sister, who were members of the First Baptist Church, and also in honor of 'our guests,' so many

of whom he has known and esteemed during the last twenty-five years." The company showed by their applause hearty appreciation of Mr. Drake's kindness. At this point, the members of the Social Union and friends rose in honor of "our guests" and sang with much feeling "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. Drake although not a member of the First Church was one of its best friends, and at his death left a thousand dollars, to be used by the pastor in helping the needy ones as he found occasions to do so.

[The history in connection with Dr. Henson's pastorate to be continued in the January issue of Church Life.]



God's Deeds Amongst the People

(A Thanksgiving Sermon, preached by Dr. de Blois in the South Park Avenue M. E. Church, November 30, 1905.)

Psalm 105:1—"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the people."

The words of the psalmist exhort us to a two-fold duty. We are to render thanks to God for all his mercies. We are also to make known His glorious ways amongst the people. Our viewpoint this Thanksgiving day is that of the old-time singer in Israel. Let us together seek the upward look and the outward look in reference to some of the great providences and blessings of the past year.

I. We should thank God today for the unexampled growth and prosperity of our Imperial Republic. These are "His deeds."

Nearly three hundred years ago the Pilgrim Fathers held their first Thanksgiving memorable forever in the annals of our country. What miracles of enlargement the intervening years have witnessed. Good Dame Brewster's kitchen has widened till it embraces half a continent. The savory odors of her roast turkey and rare venison pasties, her tempting meat stews and bowls of clam chowder and delicious dumplings—made of barley flour, they tell us—have been wafted far o'er land and sea. The Pilgrims' guests, Massasoit and his ninety braves, have grown into a motley-hued, many-featured multitude gathered from every clime and out of every race. The little settlement, comprising seven or eight dwellings and four public buildings, has become a nation of mighty cities, whose buildings scale the skies above and burrow into the earth beneath. The sweet Priscilla, afterwards the wife of John Alden, Priscilla, who presided in Dame Brewster's kitchen at that first Thanksgiving, ah, the sweet Priscilla alone

has not changed; for the fair American girl is still bewitching and radiant, the wonder and the joy of all the world.

How great is our country! We thank God for our commerce, our laws, our freedom, our farms, our boundless riches, and our measureless opportunities. America sweeps into the younger age unconquered and unconquerable. The "European Economist," a journal published in Paris, has recently said that the United States stands today "on the threshold of the commercial and financial conquest of the world."

Yet how much we have still to teach the man across the water concerning our lordly heritage. The average man, in England or Germany or France, puts the large end of the telescope to his eye, and sees America as a small black speck in the midst of the rushing waters of the Western Sea. Let that man cross the ocean. Let him sail up the Hudson and down the Ohio and up the Mississippi and down the Missouri, and up the Rio Grande and down the Columbia. Let him make the tour of the five great inland lakes. Let him cross the Adirondacks, the Rockies, the Sierras and the Cascades. Let him go on coaching excursions through the Yellowstone Park and the Yosemite Valley. Let him visit the gold mines of Colorado and California, the silver mines of Nevada and New Mexico, the coal mines of Pennsylvania and Illinois. Let him look out over the endless fields of wheat and corn in the harvest season. Let him walk the streets of New York and Chicago and Denver and San Francisco. Then let him return to his own land and in his study commune carefully with John Fiske and Francis Parkman and Bancroft. After he has done all this our foreigner, who speaks lightly, all unknowing, of America, will begin to have some faint idea of our opportunities, our industries and our unparalleled resources.

Even we ourselves have little notion of the vastness of this broad domain which

God has given us, Josiah Strong, whose books, "The New Era" and "Our Country," evince a knowledge of this world-home which is ours such as few if any other men possess, said to me not long since, in Los Angeles: "I have never before been so impressed with the magnitude of our great western land as in the course of the trip I have just been taking."

One thing we know, and may thank God for, with trembling yet rejoicing hearts. God intends that the United States of America shall be the teacher and leader amongst the nations and peoples of the world.

II. We should thank God also as we survey the history of the year, for the issue of the late war in the Orient, and for the victory of ideas over brute force. This is "His deed."

Russia is living in the eighteenth century; Japan in the twentieth century. Russia is an autocracy—or was until yesterday; Japan has the spirit and life of a democracy. Russia has been bullying her subjects; Japan has been teaching hers to think. The laws of God are unerring. "The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine." It has been again declared before all men that whatsoever a nation soweth that shall it also reap.

Rojesvensky, who fired on a fleet of inoffensive fishermen in the Baltic Sea, has been lying in a Japanese hospital, nursing the wounds received in the midst of humiliating disaster and defeat. Mutiny threatens the weakling despot who sits upon the throne of the famous Peter and the infamous Catherine. A giant is waking from his slumbers. He has learned from his masters only the lesson of blind force. He will use that dreadful weapon to hack and hew a path to liberty. Whither will that pathway lead the Titan of the Caucasus? Perhaps through tottering palaces and hoary temples, which his rude strength shall shatter and powder into dust.

Out of anarchy shall issue blessing. God sometimes speaks through revolutions. He so spoke to the profligate court of Charles I. and He spake by the voice and the sword of a Cromwell. He so spoke when the Moor, the Crescent and the armies of the Kaliph were threatening the annihilation of Christianity in western Europe, and He spoke by spirit and loyalty of the immortal Charles Martel, and the discordant and heterogeneous hosts which he had marshalled to the defense of the truth by the might of his iron will. He so spoke

when the figment of the temporal power of the papal see continued to be proclaimed in the ears of down-trodden Italy, and He spoke through the patriotic ardor of Mazzini, Cavour, and Garibaldi, till at last the day was won and Victor Emmanuel swept in through the gates of the Imperial City.

So the Almighty is speaking to the czar, the grand dukes, and the reprobate attaches of the Romanoffs today. He has spoken through the thunder of Japanese guns. He is speaking through the flame and sword of the revolutionists. He is pointing to "the better day to be."

III. Returning again to the thought of our own beloved country we should thank God for the recent and widespread awakening of the social conscience. This is "His deed." It is not too much to say that the revelations of the last few months have constituted the most flagrant scandal in the history of commercial and social life of the United States. How many corruptions, both pitiable and vile, have been disclosed! How many great reputations have been wrecked! A tempest of indignant fury has been stirred in the heart of the American people, against the greed and avarice of those men in exalted place who have used their positions in the leadership of our industrial and commercial life to increase their personal wealth and aggrandize their own poor puny selves, at the expense of the humble folk who trusted them.

The American people are saying today, as one man, by means of the press, the pulpit, the reform organization, and the court of law, and as well by the avenues of common life and ordinary conversation: "If money is to be made it must be made honestly, or the makers of it must be branded! They must go to the penitentiary or to oblivion." We are coming to understand that as our political life is founded upon the principles of liberty so our business life must be founded upon the principles of honesty.

One day last summer I was waiting for a train at a junction point, a small way-station. Walking up and down the platform I noticed a big water-melon, which had been cut in two and thrown away. The flies had found it. There were flies of every size, sort and nationality, including an immense "blue-bottle" and a wasp. I picked up some stones and threw them, one by one, at the black swarm. The action caused a buzzing confusion, and soon every fly had gone, the blue-bottle last of

all. After a turn up and down the platform I found that the flies had all come back, and were as busy as ever. I knew then that the only way to keep them away forever was to stand there forever on guard. Eternal vigilance is the price of safety! If the citizens of the American Republic will keep on throwing stones, whenever the thieves and robbers, big and little, are feasting on the people's money, they will keep the rogues away—not otherwise. If they are alert and persistent even the big blue-bottle of a United States Senator will consider the stone-throwing more than an after-dinner joke, and abstain. Thank God! there is every indication that such alertness and such persistency will prevail in the future.

IV. We have also cause to be thankful to God for the signs of the times in the political life of our nation, and for the fact that men are subordinating party to principle. This is "His deed."

The recent contest was phenomenal in its character and startling in its conclusions. The New York "Evening Post" declares that the seventh day of the present month was "the most memorable day in American history." Verily it sounded a new note of freedom, it uttered a new Declaration of Independence. Three forces wrought the result, the independent newspaper, the independent magazine writer, and the independent voter.

Two supreme principles lie at the root of an enlightened republic. One is the federal idea, the other the idea of local self-government. Each has its peculiar perils. The federal idea was vindicated in the war of the rebellion, vindicated and forever established. The idea of local self-government has been threatened by the increasing and dangerous growth of boss-rule in state and city, with its attendant evils. But the throne of the boss has been shaken.

What is the meaning of the overthrow of the notorious Cox in Ohio? How could a majority of 200,000 be changed to a minority of 40,000 in the vote for governor? Have a whole multitude of Republicans been turned into Democrats? No! A whole multitude of partisans have been turned into patriots! The power of Durham in Philadelphia has been shattered. The power of Murphy in New York has been violently shaken. The power of Gorman in Maryland has been undermined. The power of Smoot in Utah has been paralyzed. These victories have been won because the people have prayed for strength and have transformed kinetic energy into energy dynamic. The "poor blind Samson" has been

feeling for the pillars in the temple of corruption—and the downfall of that temple will mean for him not ruin but enfranchisement.

An amazing contrast now presents itself. Two sets of men are clearly defining themselves in the public eye. It is not the old alignment. It is not the alignment of Republican and Democrat. It is a new alignment of thief and patriot! In politics as in religion men are asking much less about creed and much more about character.

Study the two groups. There are the Odells, the Penroses, the Coxes, the Murphey's, the Durhams. Look at them! And there in that other group, are Mayor Jones of Minneapolis—that city had another mayor; we may have forgotten his name; we have not forgotten his crimes—and Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia. There is Hughes, who declined the nomination, which meant election, for the mayoralty of New York, that he might fulfill his duty to the people in the insurance investigation. There are Jerome and Colby. There are Governor Hanly and Governor Hoch and Governor Folk and Governor LaFollette. There, worthy to lead them all, is President Roosevelt. God be thanked for the new alignment! God be thanked for the new leadership of conscience in our state and national affairs! God be thanked for this new type, this true type of American manhood, pressing into the very vanguard of the struggle for a higher and purer civilization! God be thanked for the example and influence of these men, who both "fear God and regard man," springing to posts of merited leadership in every part of the union, and seeking by their bravery and wisdom to crush the leagued forces of corruption, graft and avarice!

The Pastor's Message

Dear Friends:

Within the past few days a double sorrow has come upon us. We were looking forward to the joy of greeting Mrs. Whitmore again, after her months of absence in far-off lands. But even while we were expecting her immediate arrival in Chicago the disquieting news of her illness came instead. And how soon followed the sad tidings that she had gone from the sight of her dear ones, and from earth forever. The tender expressions of love and admiration for her, and of heartfelt sympathy with her dear husband, which found expression at the memorial service last Wednesday evening, indicated

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the deep and abiding affection in which Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore have always been held by the members of our church. So genuinely good, so beautiful in character and generous of heart, our beloved friend has entered the presence of the Master whom she served so faithfully and well. In the midst of our mourning we rejoice that Deacon Whitmore has decided to return to Chicago, and carry forward his noble work in our Sunday School and church.

The other event which has brought pain and deep regret to us, and to many, is the death in distant Hawaii of Dr. Shepardson, known everywhere as "the wheelchair evangelist." He was held in especial esteem and love by the members of our church. It was while serving as assistant pastor here that he met with that severe affliction which threatened to set him aside at once from active work. His indomitable spirit overcame the terrible handicap, and he was singularly successful in his great work as an evangelist. Many prayers will be offered for the devoted wife, left suddenly alone and sorrowing so far from home and friends.

The dedication of our new Raymond Chapel and the organization of the Girls' Guild have been notable happenings in our recent history. The new building on the Raymond field is admirable in every way. It is light, airy, easily warmed, commodious. Its location is ideal. It is a success acoustically and handsome in appearance. No burdensome debt hangs over it. We have now a plant on that field worth some \$11,000 and free from every encumbrance. The thank-offering of \$300 on Dedication Day will go toward the completion of the interior work. The lecture room must be finished as soon as possible. An era of

great possibilities opens before us, under Mr. Embree's vigorous leadership.

The organizing of the younger girls into a society of their own has for months been in contemplation. The way seems open for helpful and efficient activity here, and the girls are taking hold splendidly. Miss Van Fleet and Miss Elizabeth Pickert have given valuable aid in the formation of the society.

The two dinners, that of the Sunday School and that of the Men's League, were very largely attended. Those who were absent were certainly heavy losers. In each case the addresses were good, the music excellent, the menu appetizing, the social part of the programme an occasion of genial and hearty fellowship.

In closing let me call attention to an important matter. It ought never to lose its significance, however often it is urged. It refers to the greeting of strangers at our services. On Sunday mornings many of you are present, and I think it is seldom that anyone, not a regular member of our congregation, fails to receive a welcome. In the evening, however, there is great room for improvement. The visitors usually constitute a majority. Many of our own people are not present. This puts a heavier burden, but a necessary and vital obligation, upon the rest of us. I go at once to the after meeting, which must be started immediately. So the privilege of meeting the visitors is denied me. Can I not depend upon you for this work? "A word in season, how good it is!" I would not have the service a mere formality, but a kind and warm-hearted word of sincere welcome to "the stranger within our gates."

Your pastor.

Austen Kennedy de Blois.



The Church at Work.

Sunday School.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

We have missed Mr. Whitmore from our department for a couple of Sundays, but are glad to hear that he will be with us again next Sunday. Our prayers and deepest sympathy rest with him in his great sorrow. A paper expressing our sympathy for Mr. Whitmore was read by Deacon Ahrens in the primary department

on November 26, and was approved of, and assisted by Mrs. A. E. Thomas were on a type-written copy was put in the secretary's book for safe keeping.

On November 26, we had Thanksgiving day Sunday in the primary department. The committee in charge consisted of Miss Eunice Baker, chairman; Miss Ahrens, Miss Helen Webster, and Miss Edith Gale. Mr. Harry Hale and Mr. Ira Humphrey.

the decorating committee for that Sunday. The decorations were very tastv and pret-ty. The programme consisted of recitations by Miss L. Ahrens' class, Leon Strandberg, and the little Stevenson children, who represented our primary department. Special music was arranged. The usual order of leaving the donations of money and provisions as the children came in was changed, and the children marched in a body to the platform later with them.

The Christmas Sunday committee expect to have stereopticon views and some good music. We expect a good programme, and trust we may have the pleasure of having as many of the parents with us as possible on that day. It will be the Sunday before Christmas.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Huntley, for a long time one of our faithful teachers and co-workers, finds it necessary to resign on account of moving to Hyde Park. We are very sorry to lose so good and faithful a worker.

Mrs. William Allen, formerly Miss Jessie Donald, has taken Mrs. Huntley's place. We are glad to welcome Mrs. Allen back to our Sunday School.

We miss Miss Lilian Pritchard, and trust she will find she can return to us soon.

Mrs. Anna Hamlin has taken charge of the new boys' graduating class. The girls' graduating class is divided into three divisions, taught by Miss Edith Ahrens, Miss Mabel Shane, and Miss Ida Witte. We found this a better plan than having such a large class.

The secretaries have been busy regarding the primary department. By next Sunday we expect to have everything in good working order.

On Oct. 29 we graduated a class of 26 or more to the Intermediate Department. We expect the classes in from the infant room next Sunday.

THE BANQUET.

On Nov. 14 was held the semi-annual teachers' and officers' banquet. It was held at the church and about 150 were present. A great deal of credit is due to our superintendent, Mr. Whitmore, for the success of the evening. Among our speakers we were very glad to welcome Dr. Henson. Prof. Burton, of the University of Chicago, spoke in a very interesting manner on Sunday School work, and how we should study our lessons. The good musical programme was arranged by Mr. Havens. The selections of Mr. Houston, an impersonator,

were enjoyed immensely and added much to the evening's pleasure. Mrs. McLaury gave us a very good selection. Much credit is due to Mrs. Chas. Perrine and twelve young ladies for the good dinner and the way in which it was served.

The following scholars recently graduated to the Intermediate Department:

Rose Patterson.
Richard Hiney.
Marguerite Augustine.
Hazel Stevens.
Fred Martin.
Frances Strandberg.
Florence Lundgren.
William Lee.
Violet Manfroi.
Earnest Sweeney.
Helen Perry.
Don Thompson.
Helena Warner.
George Christenson.
Esther Gaskin.
Leonard Fleckenstein.
Addie Griffing.
Paul Bellew.
Laura Duffy.
Russell Dailey.
Etta Winston.
Marie Weinland.
Emmet Marx.
Lena Fleckenstein.
Grace Clark.
James Shane.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

By E. M. Pickett.

The past month has been such a very successful and busy one that the time seems much less than a month. Many things social and spiritual have been happening in our church, and while as a society we have not been engaged in other than our regular work, the Christian Endeavorers are to be found actively interested in many other organizations and departments of the church.

It is the pleasure and ambition of this Society to be called upon and used by the Pastor. The personal workers' band has increased to nearly twenty members. We rejoice in this and hope and pray that many may be welcomed at the Sunday evening service, and brought to know our Savior, as a testimony to the faithfulness of these young people and for the glory of our Master. When the spirit of Christ-

like brotherly kindness fills our hearts it will soon become a pleasant habit to speak to a stranger bidding him welcome to our house of worship. Some further plans of work for greater efficiency have been instituted, and we look for improvement in this work.

Dr. de Blois is doing the Society a great service in conducting the Friday evening Study Class at 7:30 on "Twenty-six days with Jesus Christ." This class is open to all who can come, and is held only until the time for the regular Christian Endeavor prayer meeting. We hope many more will take advantage of this opportunity to study.

We had an especially good meeting on the evening of the 10th as Mr. Van Meter had charge of the service, which was on the "Dangers of Indulgence." An instructive as well as interesting program on Japan prepared by Miss Husky gave us a very helpful Missionary Meeting this month. We want to express our appreciation and thanks to those who have so kindly and willingly lent their musical talent to render our meetings more inspiring.

On November 22nd the following nominating Committee was elected in the usual way, to select those who shall fill the offices of the Society for the next term of six months. Mr. H. F. Perkins, Mr. Robert Leland, Miss Clara Stowell, Mr. Geo. C. Arthur, and Mr. A. R. Rhenisch. May they be guided by the Spirit of Christ in this work.

LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Mrs. W. Morava, Dep't Editor.

The enthusiasm so characteristic of this society was very noticeable at the meeting held on November 4. The church parlors were well filled with happy workers who with tireless zeal and willing fingers completed a large amount of work. A great deal still remains. Just at present it seems impossible to meet the demands for all kinds of sewing.

It was very pleasant to have Mrs. Barnes with us once more and also to greet the many new faces. It is the strangers who give us hope and courage for the future for no organization can exist without frequent accessions.

At a meeting of the executive committee the constitution was carefully studied and it was voted that an amendment be made and that an annual fee of fifty cents con-

stitute membership in the society.

This being the last business meeting of the year, Mrs. Stouffer, Mrs. Wigney and Mrs. Lingle were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. In response to the beautiful sunshine and the magnetism of the church parlors, 80 ladies were in attendance at the meeting on November 17. Joy and sadness were mingled in each heart present. Joy because of the safe return of both Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Spencer and sorrow because of the sad end of Mrs. Whitmore's trip abroad. While sewing occupied the fingers of some, arrangements for the League dinner filled the minds of others, thus making the day pass rapidly and pleasantly for all.

THE MEN'S LEAGUE.

To the President and Members of the Men's League of the First Baptist Church:

At a meeting of the League held October 11th, 1905, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved that a Committee be appointed by the President and Pastor to formulate some plan for present and future work of the League.

Your Committee beg leave to report.

We find the charter and by-laws provide as object:

"The object shall be to promote religious instruction, to improve the physical, mental, social and spiritual condition of men."

Committees provided:

A membership committee, Social committee, Bible Class committee and Visiting committee, with their various duties.

While the objects designated seem to be broad enough to cover the whole work of the church we feel they are not specific enough, and that there is a broader field and broader work in which every member of the church should be enlisted and that more specific and positive work should be at once entered upon, and that this work belongs primarily to male members of the church who should and can interest every member and reach the outside public.

That our work is to reach and influence our whole world—meaning by that first and foremost our neighbors and friends.

We believe there is nothing that will so surely reach them as some specific work that will of itself commend itself to them as an effort to do them good and to protect their families and children from the evil influence surrounding them and surging so

close to their very doors. With such a heritage as we possess, with such a history behind us, it is our duty to meet the existing conditions and continue the record and example set before us.

We believe that now this church should become a great institutional church, that at the earliest possible moment and at whatever sacrifice may be necessary, it should be fully equipped to meet the forces of evil and save the boys and girls of this city from the wiles of the devil.

We recommend the first step necessary to this work is the payment of the small remaining debt resting upon the property.

Our fathers have given us the most beautiful church home all paid for, free from debt. It is a small matter for us to pay the small amount incurred in actual self preservation by this generation.

We therefore recommend that this debt be paid at once, before the annual meeting of the church if possible, and that being accomplished the way is open to a greater future than the church has ever known.

To that end every individual should do his utmost while carrying out the objects for which the League was organized and to that work we commit ourselves.

Signed, W. E. Smith, Chairman.

THE LEAGUE BANQUET.

Those who were fortunate enough to be present at the annual dinner and entertainment of the Men's League enjoyed a sumptuous repast and were highly entertained. The large church parlors were filled with leaguers and guests.

The tables were beautifully and artistically decorated and bore evidences of the fact that the ladies of the church who furnished the dinner had spent much time in planning and preparing for the happy social event.

Dr. de Blois, whose efforts have been successful in organizing a large Bible class, and in making the league active along spiritual as well as social lines, pronounced the blessing after which the young ladies of the church served the many good things that had been so bountifully prepared.

President Charles H. Marshall, whose wide experience in organizing and operating plans for the welfare of the league has been frequently manifested, asked the chairman of the entertainment committee, Mr. S. H. Trude, to preside.

Mr. Harry Antram recited poems by

James Whitecomb Riley. Congressman Geo. Edmund Foss delivered a charming and instructive address on "American Influence in the Far East."

The church choir and others sang. All present asserted that the affair was a brilliant success and one of the best in the history of the league.

WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

Mrs. S. B. Lingle.

The Women's Mission Circle held a very interesting meeting on November 14.

The devotional exercises included the usual scripture reading and prayer, and was supplemented by sentence sermons, being short helpful extracts read by nearly every one in the room.

Mrs. Henkel presented the subject of present day Mormonism. After reviewing the strange beginnings of this religion and its history on this side of the Mississippi, she spoke of its political power, and illustrated by incidents known to her through her long residence in the center of Mormonism. She claimed that the constitutional amendment was the only hope of Utah. Her address was listened to with great interest. Fifty-three ladies were in attendance.

The women of the Mission Circle took great pleasure in providing the dinner at the annual gathering of the Men's League.

They are indebted to this organization for this opportunity to add to their missionary funds. The sum of \$130.00 has come to their treasury, through this means.

The Circle in common with other branches of women's work in the church deeply feel the loss they have sustained in the death of Mrs. C. E. Whitmore. She had been for a number of years the head of one of the committees connected with our work, and by her cheerful helpfulness had endeared herself to every member. We believe that her example of faithfulness will continue to be a stimulus to us. "She being dead yet speaketh."

The Annual Praise service of the Women's Mission Circle was held on December 10.

The occasion was in every way a delightful one. The mild day brought out an attendance of one hundred and forty-two. The choice adornment of the room with the favorite blossoms of Japan, made a charming setting for an excellent program.

The presence of the large junior class of the Training School was an inspiration.

Miss Boynton spoke upon the special causes for gratitude the year has brought to the Woman's Home Mission Society. Among these were the large number of students at the Training School, the site for the new building, new work among the Finns and the mill operatives of the South, an Italian student, the first of that nation to enter the training school, and the presence of an additional student from Cuba.

Miss Church summarized the blessings on the woman's work in foreign lands, as the six new workers sent this fall by the society of the West, the good health of the workers on the field, the consecration of the ten thousand children in the schools, very few of whom leave without a heart knowledge of the Savior.

Mrs. Lumley, clad in beautiful Japanese dress, told of the love of flowers so characteristic of the people of Japan and of their charming festivals of the cherry blossom, the plum, the wisteria and lotus.

Mrs. Googins read an article written by her sister, Mrs. Holman, entitled, "Who-so Offereth Praise, Glorifieth God," which seemed to embody the spirit of the meeting and found a response in every heart.

A short article on the use of the thank offering box was read by Mrs. Atwell and a beautiful poem given by Mrs. de Blois completed a program that many pronounced perfect. The pastor closed the service with prayer, and all shared in the social that followed, and the refreshments presided over by Mesdames Chandler, Hengerson, Lindman and Donnelley.

THE YOUNG LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The last meeting of the Society was at the home of the Misses Marshall, November 22. At this meeting the girls decided to have a sale of aprons, bags and handkerchiefs early in the spring. Until that time the girls will sew on these articles at the meetings.

OBITUARY.

On the 18th day of November, 1905, Nannie D. Whitmore, the beloved wife of Brother Deacon C. E. Whitmore, departed this life, at West Newton, Massachusetts.

After an absence of several months, her

home-coming was anticipated with joy and gladness, and the news of her sudden and unexpected death was a shock and brought a great sorrow to the entire membership of our church.

Her life was beautiful in the nobility of a consistent Christian womanhood, and by her cheerful spirit and hearty co-operation in the activities of our church work, she endeared herself to everyone, and was loved by all.

Our church, by her death, has lost a true friend and faithful Co-laborer in the services of the Master, and our hearts go out in the most tender and sympathizing love to our dear brother Whitmore in his great sorrow and bereavement, commending him to our Heavenly Father for comfort and for strength to bear his great loss with Christian resignation and fortitude.

Resolved, that this tribute of appreciation, respect and love to the memory of our departed sister and friend, and of our most tender and heartfelt sympathy with our beloved brother Whitmore in his sorrow, be recorded in the records of our church, and copy thereof forwarded to him as an assurance of our Christian sympathy and love.

Wm. B. Darling died November 14th. He was converted six years ago and baptized by Dr. Henson. His faith never wavered but grew stronger to the last. He gave assurance a short time before his death that he was ready and willing to depart whenever the Master called.

An account of the life of the late William H. Peeke will be published in our January number.

The Rev. Daniel Shepardson, whose picture we present on page 15, died Nov. 25th, 1905, in Honolulu. Wednesday evening, Dec. 6, a memorial service was held in his honor. Dr. Hewett of the Divinity school gave an estimate of Dr. Shepardson as an evangelist. Dean Hulbert, with his characteristic vigor, gave a glowing tribute to the high standard of scholarship attained by Dr. Shepardson. Deacon Mallory moved the appointment of a committee to draw up suitable resolutions. Dr. de Blois appointed Deacon Mallory and Dr. Henderson of the University and Deacon Neel. The report of this committee will appear in our next number.



Mr. Temple Williams was at home for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. W. S. Pickett has been ill for a few days, but is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Steele are the proud possessors of a baby daughter.

Miss E. G. Stowell leaves us this month for an extended stay in California.

The whole church rejoices in the return of Deacon Whitmore from Boston.

Miss Barstow has been seriously sick for several weeks, but is now recovering.

Miss Laura Combs of Pittsburg, Pa., has been the guest of Miss Blanche Harvey.

Mrs. Wm. Bond has been entertaining her niece, Miss Maude Sewell, of Urbana, Ill.

We are glad to have Mrs. E. P. Branch with us again after an absence of many months.

We are very sorry indeed to know that Mrs. Hale is at the present time quite critically ill.

We congratulate Mrs. McCullough upon her election to the presidency of the benevolent society.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope will be at home in their residence in Willmette after January 15th, 1906.

Mr. Horace L. Day of New York, brother of Mrs. de Blois, was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. de Blois for several days recently.

We are glad to know that little Jack Heath, the grandson of Mrs. Jackson, who has been seriously ill, is now on the road to health again.

If you are a member of a Baptist church and have moved near our church, why don't you bring your letter and unite with the First church.

We regret to hear of the serious illness of Miss Gertrude Hearter, a member of our congregation, but are glad that she is slowly regaining her strength again.

You must not miss the illustrated lecture Tuesday evening, December 19. There are few men who can equal our pastor as a lecturer. This lecture will be from personal experience and observation on

the summer journey from "Limerick Town to the Sahara."

The Xmas entertainment of the Sunday school will be given Dec. 28th. The exercises on the Sunday before Xmas will be very attractive.

Any item of interest of a personal nature or otherwise which should appear in these columns, may be placed in Mr. Embree's box on the door of the lecture room.

The Ladies' Missionary Society have sent away three barrels this winter, two to Kansas and one to northern Wisconsin. The three barrels were valued at \$166.30.

GIRL'S GUILD.

After a delightful supper, served by several of the younger girls of our church, on Thursday evening, November 23, a new organization was perfected, which will be an important addition to our life and work. Dr. de Blois, Miss Van Fleet, Miss Elizabeth Pickett, and about twenty girls were present. The society has not yet decided definitely upon a name; but it will meet every two weeks, and its activity will soon make itself felt.

WEDDING.

On the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 29, occurred the marriage of Miss Isabel Wilken to Dr. Dunn. The ceremony was performed by Dr. de Blois at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilken, the parents of the bride, Vernon Avenue and Thirty-Second Street. The many beautiful gifts attested the popularity of the bride. Dr. and Mrs. Dunn will be at home after January 15, at their residence on Drexel Boulevard.

REPORT OF CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITOR.

November, 1905.

Calls received	16
Calls made S. S.	75
Church	89
Letters written	29
Postals written	32
Meetings attended	37
Committee meetings	9
Teachers' meetings	1
Bible lessons given	11
Garments given away	110



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A STEP FORWARD.

Beginning with the January number Church Life will be enlarged to 32 pages, just double the present size. In addition to a larger amount than heretofore of local items and church news the magazine will contain a great deal of important matter relating to other city churches, reports from denominational organizations, such as the Chicago Baptist Orphanage, of which our Pastor is president, the Chicago Baptist Hospital, the Training School, etc. These will appear each month.

The price of the journal will remain the same in spite of all the valuable additions to be made to its columns.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

The visiting committee of the League have taken upon themselves a great work for young men. They have asked churches outside of Chicago to send the names of men who have located in the city. The committee will look them up and bring them into the Christian fellowship of the League. Mr. Valette is the efficient chairman of this progressive committee.

THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHAPEL.

Sunday, Dec. 3rd was the greatest day in the history of Raymond chapel. An audience which crowded the building beyond its seating capacity, gathered for the dedication service at 3 p. m. The music was rendered by Prof. C. A. Havens, Mrs. Wood and Mr. Fullerton of the First church choir. Dr. de Blois preached the dedication sermon. He spoke of the new Chapel as a sanctuary, a light-house, a workshop, and a memorial.

Dr. Jackson of the Hyde Park church offered the prayer of dedication. Dr. R. E. Manning spoke upon Baptists' Opportunities. Rev. R. M. Vaughan of Janesville, Wis., and Rev. F. W. Swift of Calvary church who were formerly in charge of the work at Raymond, spoke words of congratulation and encouragement.

RAYMOND NOTES.

It is a great pleasure to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Chambers to our services again. They were faithful attendants up to the time of their removal from the neighborhood about ten years ago. They have now returned and rejoined our congregation.

Our Rally Day drew a large attendance last Sunday afternoon. The chief feature of the program was an address by our Pastor, Dr. de Blois.

All our visitors agree with us in considering our new chapel very well adapted to our needs, symmetrical, well lighted and spacious. If you have not already, you should visit us at your first opportunity and see for yourself how well our brother Webster Tomlinson has contrived to give us a fine home with the means at his disposal. We owe him a large debt of gratitude in which coin alone he is paid for his painstaking work in our behalf.

Mrs. Lubben has been quite ill. We are glad to know she is much better and able to again take up her work with us.

We extend our hearty thanks to Dr. Butler for the pulpit bible.

The Girls' Guild will hold their meetings with Miss Laekner and Miss Leslie in the chapel. The gymnasium class will continue at the Mark White square.

Dr. de Blois suggests that we call the main room on the first floor the "Vestry." The Vestry will not be finished immediately but when it is, it must be nice enough to call "The Vestry."

We are indebted to Mrs. Freleigh and



Rev. Daniel Shepardson, Ph. D.

the Woman's Society for the beautiful decorations dedication Sunday.

Mrs. Freleigh received the sad news last week of the death of her daughter-in-law in Cincinnati. We extend to all the relatives our heartfelt sympathy and especially to the young husband who was so soon called upon to part with his bride.

It was a great pleasure to have Mr. Austereel conduct the praise service at the evening rally on Dedication day.

Mr. Allen, one of our most loyal C. E. members, left this week for a visit to his old home in England. We shall look forward to his return in a few months.

It is a source of great satisfaction that

arrangements have been made with Mr. Luter to again be our chapel-keeper.

Our Xmas entertainment will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 26th. Mr. Embree is training choruses for a cantata. Mrs. Lumley of the home school will tell the Christmas story, which will be an attractive feature of the program. The Xmas committee of which Mr. Schmuck is chairman, are planning to make this the best Christmas entertainment ever held at Raymond.

The new song books for the evening service are just what we need. If you wish to contribute toward the song book fund speak to Mr. King.

The special meetings during the week of dedication were well attended and will result in a deepening of spiritual life of all who were present.

The first C. E. meeting in the new building was so large that the room we had expected to use was too small and part of the main room was used.

The first prayer meeting in the new chapel was held Dec. 12. The number in attendance was about seventy-five. "Consecration" was the subject and the meeting was characterized by an earnest spirit of devotion to the larger work.

The Woman's Society are already planning to do things on a larger scale. Jan. 12 they are to give a dinner, the proceeds of which will go toward completing the ladies' parlor. At the meeting last Tuesday Mrs. Freleigh, Mrs. Embree and Mrs. Rader were elected to the offices they have filled the past year.

We greatly appreciated the address of Mr. Twiss and Deacon Neal at the presentation of our picture of Father Raymond.

All but one of the board of Deacons of the home church were present at the dedication services. Come again brethren.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 27, we expect to have at Raymond a musical and literary program of rare quality. An admission of 10 and 15 cents will be charged, the proceeds to go toward the doors so greatly needed between the main room and the primary department.

THE JOURNAL OF THE CHURCH.

H. F. Perkins, Church Clerk.

November 1. — Wednesday. Monthly church covenant meeting. Theme: "The Joys of Church Attendance." Psalm 84.

November 3.—Friday. Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting. Topic: "Am I keeping my Christian Endeavor covenant?" Mal. 2:5-6, Ps. 51:6; 2 Cor. 8:21. Leader, Miss Maude Robinson.

November 5.—Sunday. Sermons by the Pastor. Morning theme: "The Calvary of Common Life," evening, "The Spiritual Rubicon."

November 6.—Monday. Monthly social and business meeting of the Men's League. An interesting address upon Russia was given by Mr. Geo. W. Tracey.

November 7.—Tuesday. Monthly meeting of the executive committee of the Christian Endeavor Society.

November 8. — Wednesday. Monthly church missionary meeting addressed by G. H. McDaniel, president of the Ambidexter Institute of Springfield.

November 10.—Friday. Meeting of the Women's Mission Circle. Addresses by Mrs. Henkel on Mormonism of the present day. Christian Endeavor prayer service, led by Mr. H. H. Van Meter. Topic: "The dangers of Indulgence." Prov. 23:29-35. Isa. 5:22-25.

November 12.—Sunday. In the morning the pastor preached on "The Life of Christ," and in the evening on "The Secret of Happiness."

November 14.—Tuesday. Sunday School teachers' banquet. Addresses by Prof. E. D. Burton and Dr. Henson.

November 15. — Wednesday. Church prayer and social service led by Ass't Pastor Embree.

November 17.—Friday. Meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Christian Endeavor monthly missionary meeting led by Miss Van Fleet. The topic of the evening was the work in Japan.

November 19.—Sunday. In the morning the Pastor preached on "The Lesser and the Larger Joy." In the evening Ass't Pastor Embree preached on "Lost Opportunities." The Pastor preached at Raymond.

November 21.—Tuesday. Annual banquet of the Men's League. The address of the evening was given by Congressman George Edmund Foss.

November 22.—Wednesday. Church prayer and social service.

November 23.—Thursday. Supper and meeting for organization of the younger girl's guild.

November 24.—Friday. Christian Endeavor prayer service led by Miss Christine MacFadden. Topic: "God's Wonderful Work." Ps. 4:1-11.

November 26.—Sunday. Sermons by the Pastor. Morning theme: "The Baptists; the Founders of Religious Freedom in America." Evening theme: "Have you Sold Your Soul?"

November 27.—Monday. Monthly meeting and supper of the Amoret Henson Guild. Mrs. Miller spoke very entertainingly of her recent trip to Germany.

November 29.—Wednesday. Monthly church covenant service. Theme: "Communion in Christ's Death." Cor. 10:14-18.

November 30. — Thanksgiving service held in the South Park M. E. church. The sermon was delivered by Dr. de Blois.